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To the Australian Academy of the Humanities

I hereby would like to report on my visit in Australia November–December 2008 as part of the exchange programme between the Swedish Academy of Letters and Antiquity and the Australian Academy of Humanities.

The visit lasted from 9 November until 14 December. The exchange programme comprised a period of one month. In addition to that I had received a grant from a Swedish foundation in order to enlarge the journey with a visit to New Zealand in order to study deposition rituals based on finds from wetlands.

My first stop was in Canberra where I stayed about two weeks. Most of the time was spent at the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). My intention with the visit was to continue my study of the fire management of the Aborigines in different parts of the country as well as to collect information about the ritual use and views of fire. Thanks to the staff at AIATSIS I was able to obtain broad information about different aspects of fire.

During my stay I also met and discussed different common interests with colleagues at the Department of Archaeology at the National Australian University.

The second city I visited was Perth. Professor Sandra Bowlder and Dr. Martin Porr at the Department of Archaeology, University of Western Australia were very helpful. I was able to meet most of the staff members at the department and also gave a lecture about a special Iron Age site in Southern Sweden.

It should be mentioned that archaeologists in Canberra as well as Perth are engaged in projects within Australia but it is rather common that they also have been working and still are running projects in other parts of the world.

The next stop was Sydney, where I spent some days visiting museums and studying collections.

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The last stay was at Darwin, where I spent some days visiting settlements and rock art sites in the Kakadu area.

I would like to thank the staff at the Australian Academy of Humanities who arranged my visit with lodging and transport around Australia and also helped me with my email contacts.

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